

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no Objection to Release

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as  
sanitized

60+30  
file  
63  
Doc. 3

special sensitivity exception:  
doubtful but file  
would be restricted to  
action desk.

✓ Black tape file: when  
records retired - uses  
agent example - used to  
hide operational relation-  
ship - <sup>OR SOMETHING ELSE SENSITIVE</sup> enveloped & sealed.  
name trace would show  
restriction.

soft file agents would  
be very very rare  
knows of no examples

✓ PARA 4 -

recruitment fair  
statement?

✓ he's giving us names & they  
might be possible  
recruit targets - all  
it says.

A-1 shown.

1  
doesn't recall reading

standard report.

13. DOT  
① W. ROSEN  
/ IO word.

dict. ?

MEXI  
WORD

visa applicant's contact @ DGI:  
DGI interview people to find  
agents. —

✓ They would have contact - they  
were "goosey" used a lot  
of consulate cover  
Azcue was DGI but not positive  
personally handle?

in 65 in Mexi wife of Counsel  
was receptionist & C + VC  
were DGI + would  
speak to applicant

✓ 2 present at MUG poly  
& no idea re Oswald questions  
doesn't remember seeing  
results.

B. p. 5 bottom 4 lns to "that point"  
"ZR" by Mirabal + Vega  
means ZRNICK - special  
activity aimed at IDing  
clandestine Cuban int. net.  
ZR just the diagram.



D shown.

he wrote it

AMNIP/1 was a G-2 defector -  
first

defected in 62 or 63

no info on LHO or JFK

[was in asylum in Uruguay  
2mb for A YEAR or two before  
defection]

photos probably from  
LIONION.

appropriate files: if known  
personality - there 201  
otherwise Subject file  
on OGI/G2, Cubgov't  
etc + names indexed.

E shown.

~ know Eustace.

Aronas ~ familiar

Proenza - heard of  
context - related to manager  
of Cuban Mexi?

no knowledge of Agency associa-

was of ops interest.

← ~ target for recruitment  
that he AWARE of.

asked why of interest then  
& he asks relevance.

Item J shown.

NO Agent

DES maybe found in old  
Org. Chart - maybe FI  
he has never heard of it.

authority to sign off would have  
been delegated most likely.

EOB - External Operations  
branch, i.e. outside of Cuba.

now author Ronis, Dave  
long since retired

2nd person

Ch/EOB - retired

Notes of Interview of Joseph Piccolo at CIA Headquarters, 11 August 1978 by HSCA staff members Charles Berk and Dan Hardway.

letter ✓

✓ looks like a mafioso in conservative cut 3 piece gray suit @ white shirt - <sup>SALT & PEPPER SIDES</sup> balding - Roman nose features - heavy 5 o'clock shadow. BROWN EYES. GAP BETWEEN FRONT TEETH.

✓ Chuck explains mandate & purpose.

✓ Joseph S. Piccolo Jr.  
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✓ Ops Officer / CIA at present

✓ joined 2/57

✓ one year @ Air Force after.

✓ 11/22/63 position:

support assistance analyst in '63 → ops support assistant duties: (R + A) records, tracing Spanish lang. analysis in OP SUP.

subsequent  
✓ spring '64 - ops off. training

✓ since mainly Latin Amer.  
[Mex Station:]

12/57 - 1/60

8/65 - 1/68

✓ some ops directed at Cuba

1962 - 1/68

1/69 - 1/70

3 mo. in 75 9 to 12

CHARLES T.  
S. WATSON  
E. GARD  
Scott  
C. BOONSTRA  
BISHOP  
E. WITNER  
Phillips.

Doots

✓ AMMUG: first defector from  
newly formed DBI  
generally CIA counterpart  
external security @ CI  
function.

circumstances of defection:  
✓ P got in after it was  
running.

jumped airplane in  
✓ Canada while in transit  
to black

significance : first  
insight into OGI - all  
previous had been on  
G-2. which had been directed  
mainly at Cub. exiles.

learned OGI more sophisticated  
than ever suspected.

first hand info on OGI &  
it was accurate - some  
identities & intell. roles  
confirmed.

Dictionary of Cuban Intell  
terms including phrases  
used to ID activities &  
tools of trade.

was used subsequently  
to recruit other Cubans -  
doesn't recall effectiveness.  
good indication of bona fides

✓ first met <sup>A-1</sup> in summer 64.

✓ assigned to hand-hold  
1E maintain contact to  
see he is accommodated &  
providing companionship  
& escort duty.

✓ 2. debriefing.

✓ standard procedure - "milk him for everything he has."

✓ length of debriefing -  
✓ can't recall - several months concentrated  
gestimate 4-6 mo.

doesn't recall last contact  
@ A-1 — prior to  
transfer to WAVE. ('66)

other handlers + debriefers:

✓ Swenson  
Hidalgo  
Piccolo  
Dan Flores.

component responsible  
SAS / CI

other responsibilities:

work against Cuban Int.

✓ services

doubling agents could have occurred.



✓ ~~B~~ | Swenson was direct superior.

DES - no bells

Chuck describes situation.

✓ most likely find it in sections dealing in positive intelligence sections.

responsibility feel on every eyes officer.

✓ doubts such section in WH; would usually be part of project or program.

Canada debriefing? yes.

✓ info generated + form? doesn't recall initial but probably read.

initial objectives

Disc + I/O data so can ck out. rundown on people + organization of DGI.

✓ rest on positive intell needs - + names of others who might want to play ball.

form:

mostly notes (contemporaneous)

30P is write report from notes - held on to notes for while + then destroy

Theresa Proenza.

discussed  
at  
proenza?

reports filed by how ran  
case. ~~largely depended on~~  
~~how~~ subject, crypt, personality,  
by debriefing report -  
index of known names -

initially held in working office.  
hold info tight cause advantage  
lies in surprise. & keeping enemy  
in dark about what you know  
so hold tight till get ops you  
want going.

Hard to say where filed now.

info on LHO. & DGI contacts.

doesn't recall reports - no  
info provided to Piccolo.

S, H or F never indicated so.  
Po P's knowledge he does  
not know if A-1 did give  
info on LHO

Special Intelligence? - "depends on  
how you came across it"

info from a sensitive source -  
usually means interception  
of communication

Signal Intelligence - from Radio  
wave, radar.

was not clear. Special unit in agency handles. Division D. - always special group kept apart.

"if any one on HQ end <sup>of</sup> MCS had found a photo it would have been [Charlotte]"

grapevine - do hear of coup but rarely get whole story.

speculates that select photos would have been sent to HQ of United photos of American appearing males. & someone found it here then

EE 237 not force he saw but ~ certain time passage etc

would be type of thing to go through grapevine coup - it doesn't hurt anyone

A-1 operational use  
debriefed - DGT, personalities,  
positive int - recruitment  
approaches -

✓ know last op use.

✓ last heard he was [in Miami]  
adjusted well to new life.

✓ attempt penetrate Cuban.

✓ Mexi?

No. - to his knowledge.

✓ CUE  
ch. doesn't  
recall

wasn't working on Mexi

"anale" in '63

[ 01 ] - [ 24 ]

CI/SIG → not off hand.

✓ might have dealt @ ciphers  
etc cause deals implies  
Special Intelligence Group  
or signal " "

✓ '65 targeted about "every  
Cuban down there"

NA shown.

doesn't recall seeing  
info - familiar

Vega - black he thinks -  
pain in ass to surveil.

Rodriguez - no recollection

Louisa negative.

no red-hair

Policarpo - negative

Molina - negative but familiar

10A. Bay.

○

5-17/64 memo shown  
paras 3 & 4.

didn't see

Luisa still negative.

how determine whether  
Cubemb. employee was  
recruited by CIA:

NAME TRACE.

201 would indicate /OA records.]